Action against the official receiver and liquidator of the Bank of Commerce Ltd.

*453. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been defalcation and misappropriation of money by the Official receiver and liquidator of the Bank of Commerce Ltd., Calcutta;

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard; and

(c) if no action has been taken against him, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Reserve Bank of India have reported that the Calcutta High Court by an order passed in July, 1988 directed the Official Liquidator, High Court, Calcutta to draw up misfeasance proceedings against the former Official Receiver of Bank of Commerce Ltd., Calcutta. Necessary misfeasance proceedings have accordingly been filed by the Official Liquidator.

(c) Does not arise.

Pilots for new Airbus 320 in the Indian Airlines fleet

*454. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2472 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1993 and state:

(a) whether Government have no pilots to fly A-320 aircrafts and no engineers to service them even after their induction;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to overcome this problem; and

(c) what are the details of the routes on which these aircrafts would be itroduced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) There is no shortage of engineers for the level of operations planned on A 320 aircraft. There is however, a shortfall of Commanders and Co-pilots. This is intended to be met by suitable adjustment of flying hours and accelerated training of pilots.

(c) Indian Airlines proposes introduction of A 320 services during 1993-94 to Bagdogra, Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Chandigarh and Jaipur, and to certain other stations also depending on commercial viability.

Declaration of Cotton Yarn as Essential Commodity

@*454-A. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) wheher cotton yarn has been included in the list of essential commodities;

(b) if so, what are the advantages to handloom weavers by the inclusion of cotton yarn in the list of essential commodities; and

(c) the facilities available to handloom weavers to have cotton yarn at stable and reasonable prices?

@Previously starred question 435, transferred from 29th March, 1993.